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COUNTRY PolandREPORT NO. TOPIC Biala Podlaska, Warsaw-Bernerowo, and Poznan Lawica Airfields

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REMARKS

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- ☐ 1. On 14 and 16 March 1954, 25 gray-green biplanes with Polish markings were parked at Biala Podlaska (S 53/M 46) airfield. During all previous observations, the biplanes were parked in the open and their engines were covered with tarpaulins. A monoplane was observed in a hangar, the eastern gates of which were open. No air activity was observed at the field. Previously, source observed that landings were made without much skill. He, therefore, inferred that the pilots had little experience. At the end of the frost period, construction work was resumed at the field by Polish soldiers. A mobile construction shop was seen on the track north of the field. Construction work was mainly done on billets. The bricks used were apparently salvaged from destroyed buildings.

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- ☐ 2. On 13 March, a jet aircraft with one jet engine and swept-back wings was observed taking off from Warsaw-Bernerowo (R 53/P 99) airfield. There was favorable weather with a 5/10 overcast. Three additional aircraft of the same type were observed near two hangars.²
- ☐ 3. On 13 March, a jet aircraft with one jet engine and swept-back wings took off from an airfield presumably located west of Poznan (P 53/X 26). On previous occasions, air activity, take-offs and landings by aircraft of the same type had been observed in the same area.³

25X1A. ☐ Comment. It is assumed that Biala Podlaska airfield is still occupied by a Polish flying school. Construction work at the field was previously reported by the same source. See .

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25X1A. ☐ Comment. Warsaw-Bernerowo airfield is believed to be occupied by two or three Polish fighter regiments equipped with MIG-15s.

25X1A. ☐ Comment. Source fairly definitely observed the take-off of a MIG-15 from Poznan Lawica airfield which is occupied by two fighter regiments of the Polish Air Force equipped with MIG-15s.

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